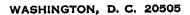
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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



The Honorable F. Edward Hebert Chairman, Committee on Armed Services House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 16 February 1971 requesting the views and recommendations of this Agency concerning H.R. 3578, a bill "To establish a Temporary National Security Commission."

While this Agency has no objection to continuing scrutiny and oversight on the part of the Congress, it believes the creation of the proposed Commission is a matter for determination by the Congress. Therefore, this Agency offers no comment in this regard.

Should the bill receive favorable consideration by the Committee, however, I would respectfully request the opportunity to discuss with you certain problems regarding the protection of intelligence sources and methods, for which I am responsible under the National Security Act of 1947.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Respectfully,

Richard Helms

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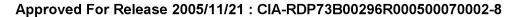
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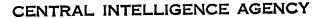
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